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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Num.</i>	09/356,543
<i>Filing Date</i>	July 19, 1999
<i>Confirmation Number</i>	7963
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2175
<i>Examiner Name</i>	S. Rumell
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2469 1002-001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(a) (PTO/SB/CD) instead of a RCE which is eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice; Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ]. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ].
- iii.  Other - [ ].

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Petition for Extension of Time - three months
- v.  Other - Amendment Fee Transmittal and Marked-Up Version of the Amendment (pp. i-ii).

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other - [ ].

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a  A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$[ ]  
OR

Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$1,660.00 to Deposit Account No 08-0380.

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Amendment Fee
- iv.  Other - [ ].

b.  Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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